

25. (New) A printing machine having multiple stages comprising:

- (a) at least one printing cylinder;
- (b) conveyor means for conveying separate sheets of material to be imprinted through the multiple stages of said printing machine;
- (c) said conveyor means including a plurality of conveyor belts;
- (d) said conveyor means further including a plurality of non-driven guide elements; and
- (e) wherein said non-driven guide elements comprise a plurality of idler rollers.

26. (New) The printing machine of Claim 25 wherein said non-driven guide elements comprise a plurality of non-rotating curved elements.

27. (New) The printing machine of Claim 25 wherein said non-driven guide elements comprise a plurality of spherically-shaped elements.

28. (New) A printing machine having multiple stages comprising:

- (a) at least one printing cylinder in one of said stages;
- (b) conveyor means for conveying separate sheets of material to be imprinted through the multiple stages of the machine;

(c) said conveyor means including a plurality of conveyor belts; and

(d) said conveyor means further including a plurality of non-driven guide elements.

29. (New) The printing machine of Claim 28 wherein said non-driven guide elements comprise a plurality of idler rollers.

30. (New) The printing machine of Claim 28 wherein said non-driven guide elements comprise a plurality of non-rotating curved elements.

31. (New) The printing machine of Claim 30 wherein said non-rotating curved elements comprise a plurality of spherically-shaped elements.

32. (New) The printing machine of Claim 28 wherein said printing machine includes horizontally extending partition means for dividing said machine into first and second horizontally extending chambers, and wherein said plurality of non-driven guide elements are supported by said partition means.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1 - 5 Allowed

6 - 10 Cancelled

11 - 24 Allowed

25 -32 New